

HOUSE BILL 1139  
By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Tennessee Wildflowers;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Wildflower new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate design to reflect Tennessee's diverse and colorful array of native wildflowers. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Tennessee arts commission.

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be deposited into the state highway fund and earmarked for exclusive use by the department of transportation for highway beautification programs as established pursuant to § 54-1-125 and title 54, chapter 5, part 12. Notwithstanding § 54-1-125(c) or any other provision of law to the contrary, such funds shall be used to supplement, not supplant, non-license plate resources for highway beautification programs.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.